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TAGS: SEDU, TECH, TD  
SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER PROPOSES RESTRUCTURING  
OF WUI

1. A GOTT WHITE PAPER CRITICAL OF THE NATIONAL EFFORT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN GENERAL AND OF WUI'S ROLE IN PARTICULAR WAS MADE PUBLIC NOVEMBER 28. ENTITLED "WHITE PAPER ON NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)," THE DOCUMENT RECOMMENDS THAT SUCH A NATIONAL INSTITUTE BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOME 15 AUTONOMOUS AND SEMI-AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS CURRENTLY EXISTING OUTSIDE OF WUI, AS WELL AS INCORPORATING CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE SECOND MAJOR RECOMMENDATION IS A PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING UWI TO GIVE THE TRINIDAD BRANCH (ST. AUGUSTINE) GREATER AUTONOMY AND FLEXIBILITY, WITH CONCURRENT RELAXATION OF CENTRALIZED CONTROL FROM MONA.

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2. THE PROPOSED NATIONAL INSTITUTE OBVIOUSLY IS INTENDED TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BY GIVING GREATER CENTRAL DIRECTION TO EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS AND MAKING THEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO NATIONAL PRIORITIES. THE WUI PROPOSALS AS WELL ARE AIMED AT GAINING BETTER CONTROL FOR THE GOTT ON UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES, ENHANCING THEIR

COORDINATION WITH AND INCORPORATION INTO THE NATIONAL EFFORT.

3. COMMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN AMPLE SIGNS IN THE PAST OF GOTT DISSATISFACTION WITH UWI, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE EMBASSY CONTACTS AT THE UNIVERSITY HAVE PREDICTED THAT IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE TRINIDAD WITHDRAWS FROM UWI AS IT IS NOW STRUCTURED AND/OR SETS UP ITS OWN RIVAL INSTITUTION. FRUSTRATION OVER UWI'S ALLEGED LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS TO NATIONAL NEEDS IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS ATTITUDE BUT NOT THE ONLY ONE. A NEWLY AND INCREASINGLY SELF-CONFIDENT TRINIDAD SEES LESS AND LESS REASON FOR HAVING TO TAKE THE VIEWS OF ITS WUI PARTNERS INTO ACCOUNT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE GOTT IS SUPPLYING A LARGE SHARE OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET.

4. COPY OF WHITE PAPER BEING POUCHED TO ARA/CAR.  
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